

I am furious with the divisive and partisan use of the airwaves. If there is a public interest it is in offering truly balance coverage. If a corporation owns multiple stations it is encumbant upon them to serve the nation with a comprehensive view of the issues. To offer up its biased propaganda does not serve this nation or our democratic ideals.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Review the record. Do your job.

Thank you.